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A M E N D M E N T**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification so that it reads as follows:

Please replace the paragraph that starts on page 11, line 11 with the following:

As will be understood, the mechanism for loading/unloading a substrate or substrate carrier from the conveyor may vary considerably and still achieve the function of substantially matching the velocity of the conveyor 12 at the point where the substrate carrier is contacted. Although it is preferred that a load/unload mechanism operates within the footprint of the docking station(s) and/or storage location(s) (or within the tool envelope), any mechanism that substantially matches velocity with a moving conveyor so as to load/unload substrate carriers therefrom will fall within the scope of the present invention. The load/unload mechanisms described herein are merely exemplary. For instance, in one aspect, a load/unload mechanism may be a rotary mechanism (e.g., a rotating platform or arm that travels along a rotary path as described further with reference to FIGS. 1-6 or as described in commonly assigned, copending application serial no. 10/650,481 filed August 28, 2003, ~~herewith (AMAT 7024)~~ titled "Method And Apparatus For Unloading Substrate Carriers From Substrate Carrier Transport System", which is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety. In a further aspect the load/unload mechanism may comprise a substrate handler of the substrate loading apparatus 26, as described further with reference to FIGS. 7A-13D.